

Honorable Commissioners,

I ask that you do not proceed with the proposed lifting of media ownership limits. I firmly believe that media consolidation is bad for our country and will not serve the public interest. Consolidation by its very nature leads to fewer voices, opinions, and viewpoints, all of which are vital to a strong, informed democracy. I would hope that the experiences of the anti-competitive practices of Clear Channel Communications after the limits were relaxed for radio ownership would serve as a sufficient cautionary tale to give pause to this headlong rush to further relaxation of limits. I urge you at the very least to delay the process enough to better study the impacts of relaxing the limits would have. We cannot as a nation afford to take such risks with our media. I fear that consolidation will further stifle the voice, spirit, and lifeblood of democracy.

Sincerely,

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